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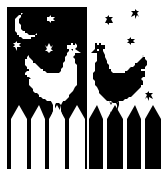
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged to lower, mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was overall steady at best. Retail demand was mostly slow, but expected to improve later in the week and next week with first of the month approaching and planned features. Food service demand was light to fairly good aided by fast food and catering services. Offerings were in a better balance due to reduced holiday schedules. In the parts structure, trading was mostly light, but stronger for wings which were also sufficient to tight. The remaining items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/24/01-12/29/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	47.50-49.00	48.53	16	52.16	26
Chicago	45.00-49.00	47.72	38	49.60	70
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.56	18
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	62.33	12
Denver	67.50	67.50	16	65.50	20
Detroit	47.00-49.00	49.00	10	55	27
Los Angeles	68.00	65.43	69	63.24	126
New York	45.00-47.00	46.91	23	49.26	45
Philadelphia	45.50-47.00	46.10	10	49.22	23
Pittsburgh	45.50-47.50	46.75	10	54.81	54
St. Louis	47.25-47.50	47.41	18	49.49	37
San Francisco	68.50	67.61	32	69.29	56

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/26/01	Change/Last Wk	12/19/01	12/26/00
514	55.85	0.60	55.25	56.21

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	52.00-57.00	54.12	37
Central	50.00-56.00	54.32	57
West	52.00-63.00	58.79	43

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.00	62.10	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
831	45.00-66.11	61.52

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.00	997
BREASTS - B/S	127.00	3,454
BREASTS - WHOLE	56.00	828
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.50	559
LEG QUARTERS	28.00	7,368
WINGS	86.00	2,408

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light and unaggressive as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger sizes were readily available and the smaller weights were about adequate. The market tone was no better than steady. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Legs and leg quarters ranged balanced to adequate. Wings were at least sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the extended holiday weekend consisted mostly of refilling needs and monitoring the market for further developments. Supplies were mixed, usually sufficient, with part-time holiday schedules likely to cause some shortages. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Supplies were at least adequate, but close for wings with some improvement expected for breast items due to upcoming or present retail ads and first of the month business. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Trading reported for this week's deliveries were at unchanged prices on regular commitments, however new negotiations were unchanged to lower on heavy weights and unchanged to mainly higher on small sizes. Offerings in better balance due to reduced holiday slaughter. Retail demand was fair by stores and fairly good overall by fast food. Dealers reported weekend carryovers as light where deliveries were last otherwise moderate. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk 26-28.5 and 28.5-31 4/10s, breast bone-in 52-65 and boneless 115-120. The Los Angeles negotiated WOGs weighted average was up .18 to 53.77 with the volume reported down 3 percent to 31 loads for this week's delivery.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged into all areas with Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment barely steady. Additional product offerings limited for a mostly noncommittal buyer interest. Retail movement slow overall with anticipation of improvement by week's end. Food service demand was light to fairly good, best into fast food outlets. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading limited, although wings were clearing well. Supplies of wings tight, all other items fully sufficient. The market tone was firm on wings and cautiously steady to weak on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally active as buyers sought to refill empty pipelines. Seller offerings were tight due to recent plant closings but were generally adequate. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to closely cleared on current production, however, some product was noted as readily available out of last Thursday and Friday, particularly on some breast cuts. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 12/22/01 WAS 12,324,483 HEAD @ 5.15 LBS.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A		
	12/26/01	12/25/01	12/24/01
RANGE	47-62		45-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.08	Holiday	50.89
NO. OF BOXES	5,409		10,977

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive following the holiday as dealers assessed the market and attempted to keep inventories in close balance during this seasonally slow period. Offerings of breast items were readily available, with sharp discounting occasionally noted where product was older and had become difficult to place. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate, although, legs were mixed ranging balanced to adequate. Wings were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was generally no better than fair, with spot refill and feature activity offering the best draw. The market tone was barely steady on bone-in breasts, cautiously steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST

RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		115	122.05	204,470
TENDERLOINS		100	107.54	21,650
BREAST - WITH RIBS	45-46	50.73	172,600	
BREAST - LINE RUN	45	45.85	133,200	
LEGS	37-38	42.48	77,120	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	25.43	338,834	
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.58	102,280	
THIGHS	28-29	38.46	59,160	
B/S THIGHS	86-87	86.37	30,720	
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	93.24	186,160	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.44	26,480	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.90	7,410	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.55	10,060	

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,105	101.00-123.00	101-105	106.75
TENDERLOINS	69	102.00-192.00	-	117.65
BREAST - WITH RIBS	287	43.00-84.00	-	52.82
FRONT HALVES	200	57.00-70.00	58	57.83
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	473	21.00-25.00	21-22	22.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,795	23.00-27.00	24	24.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	65	66.00-82.00	82	79.37
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,866	34.00-38.00	34-36	35.04

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/24	12/20	12/20	12/17	12/13
ALA	(A)	4,013	5.02	3,995	5.04
ARK	(A)	5,288	4.81	5,244	4.83
DELMARVA	(A)	2,356	5.11	2,276	5.16
KY-LA-TN	(A)	1,888	4.46	1,903	4.55
MISS	(A)	2,762	5.02	2,903	5.07
NC	(A)	2,554	5.97	2,483	5.98
TEXAS	(A)	2,404	4.81	2,410	4.88
TOTAL	1,841	21,265	5.02	21,214	5.06
MON	1,841(B)			21,214(B)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Dec 2001 is estimated to be 2,754,000 down 91.35 percent from a week ago and 100.00 higher from the holiday a year ago.

(Last week 31,834,000, last year 0)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. POUNDS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	827	105.00-157.00	122-127	122.82
TENDERLOINS	168	105.00-195.00	110-115	125.95
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	56.00-62.00	58-59	56.80
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	32.00-48.00	32-34	33.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	476	21.00-25.00	21-22	21.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,330	23.00-29.50	24-26	24.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	83.00-87.00	85-87	86.17
WINGS (CUT)	422	95.00-109.00	95-99	100.53
DRUMSTICKS	73	44.00-50.00	-	44.88
THIGHS	56	45.00-50.00	-	46.14
B/S THIGHS	30	84.00-91.00	-	86.33

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 26, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 43.50	40.69	40.70

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF DEC-24-28-2001 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 127.00	110.00 - 120.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	45.00 - 74.00	45.00 - 56.00
LEGS	36.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24.00 - 29.00	24.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	36.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	27.00 - 43.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	78.00 - 89.00	80.00 - 82.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-99
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-103
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-94
	DRY PACK	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91
	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS		152-166

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

21-DEC-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00-14.00	131,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.69		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-13.00	9.00-12.00	1,540,000	1,213,600
WTD AVERAGE	11.20	10.75		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales had slowed. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-DEC-01

RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
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AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6.25-11.25 CENTS/LB. 8-9.25 9.02

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

21-DEC-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00		160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-16.00	14.00-15.00	916,000	418,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.63	14.77		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-15.50	10.00-13.75	1,752,800	316,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.61	12.24		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	14.50	-	10,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.50			

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light due in part to holiday schedules. Demand was fair to moderate for adequate but reduced offerings. Processing plants were on holiday schedules. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-DEC-01

RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
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AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6.5-10.5 CENTS/LB. 8-9 8.59

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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